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SUBJECT: EULOGIES TO SECRETARY KISSINGER SPOKEN AT NORTH ATLANTIC  
COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 9-10, 1976

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1. FOLLOWING ARE FAREWELL REMARKS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER  
DELIVERED DURING THE COURSE OF BOTH THE RESTRICTED AND PLENARY  
SESSIONS OF THE NAC MINISTERIAL DEC 9 AND 10. THEY HAVE  
BEEN EXTRACTED FROM SPEECHES BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AS IDENTI-  
FIED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH EXTRACT. MATERIAL WAS PROVIDED  
BY THE NATO CONFERENCE SERVICE WITH TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH  
WHERE INDICATED.

2. BEFORE LEAVING BRUSSELS SECRETARY'S PARTY OBTAINED A  
COPY OF SECRETARY GENERALLUNS' REMARKS WHICH WERE MADE  
PUBLIC DEC 10 BY THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN. THE  
SECRETARY'S REPLY TO LUNS WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
BY REFTEL.

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MR CAGLAYANGIL (TURKEY) (FROM FRENCH)

IN CONCLUSION, I SHOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS A FEW WORDS TO  
MY DISTINGUISHED UNITED STATES COLLEAGUE. I CANNOT BUT EXPRESS  
MY FEELINGS OF GENUINE SADNESS AT THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE, DR KISSINGER. THERE IS NO NEED TO PAY A  
LENGTHY TRIBUTE TO DR KISSINGER HERE TODAY. IT WILL SUFFICE TO  
SAY THAT HIS THOUGHTAND WORK HAVE PROFOUNDLY INFLUENCED  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER MY GOVERNMENT'S MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES ON HIS DEPARTURE. I, FOR MY PART, VENTURE TO HOPE THAT THE POLICY HE HAS FORGED WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR LODESTAR IN THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES WITH WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY FACED.

MR GENSCHER (GERMANY)

TO BEGIN WITH, MR CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING WHICH YOU CANNOT READ, ANYWAY - ALTHOUGH YOU CAN PERHAPS LISTEN TO YOUR HEART - I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO OUR UNITED STATES COLLEAGUE FOR HIS CO-OPERATION AND FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.

THE GERMAN PRESS HAS PHILOSOPHISED ABOUT WHETHER AT THIS MEETING YOU WILL LEAVE US ANY HERITAGE, DR KISSINGER. FOR ME, THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ANSWERED; THIS IS NOT A HERITAGE: A HERITAGE CAN ONLY BE LEFT BY SOMEONE WHO TURNS HIS BACK ON US. WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT US, HOWEVER, IS THE PROGRAMME OF A MAN WHO, INDEPENDENTLY OF THE OFFICE HE HOLDS, IS AWARE OF HIS WEIGHT AND OF HIS INFLUENCE ON THE ALLIANCE. WE HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS. FOR THE REST, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT WHEN YOU HAVE MORE TIME FOR REFLECTION, YOU WILL WATCH OUR FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH A CRITICAL EYE.

WE HAVE TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE MESSAGE YOU CONVEYED TO US FROM THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT-ELECT. IT DEMONSTRATES TO US THE CONTINUITY OF UNITED STATES POLICY, AND I THINK THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS RIGHT WHEN HE SAYS THAT THE POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENTS IS INHERENT IN THE OBJECTIVE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. THIS AFFORDS US SECURITY FOR CONTINUITY, BUT YOU ARE THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF THE FACT THAT THE

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PERSONAL ASPECT HAS A PARTICULARLY STRONG INFLUENCE, AND WE SHALL ALWAYS GLADLY REMEMBER YOU FOR THIS.

MR CROSLAND (UNITED KINGDOM)

WELL, MR CHAIRMAN, I'LL START AT ANY RATE BY ASSURING DR KISSINGER THAT HE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER VALEDICTORY ENCOMIUM FROM ME, NOT BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE VIRTUES

AND MERITS OF SUCH A ONE, BUT BECAUSE HAPPILY HE IS COMING TO LONDON TOMORROW AND I PROPOSE TO TAKE HIM TO A FOOTBALL MATCH ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AND I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD DELIVER MY FINAL TRIBUTE OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AT CHELSEA FOOTBALL GROUND - THUS ENSURING A RATHER WIDER AUDIENCE THAN IF I WERE TO SAY IT HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

MR FORLANI (ITALY) (FROM FRENCH)

MR CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND GOODWILL THAT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, DR KISSINGER. OUR THANKS GO TO HIM FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS, AND ALSO FOR ALL THAT HE SAID TO US THIS MORNING. HE HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOUNDED ON A MEANINGFUL COMMITMENT ON THE WORLD SCENE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. MY GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, FEELS THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION THERE IS AN IMPERATIVE NEED FOR GENUINE SOLIDARITY WITHIN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IF WE ARE TO MEET OUR PEOPLES' ASPIRATIONS FOR PROGRESS AND SECURITY.

MR BISIOS (GREECE) (FROM FRENCH)

IN CONCLUSION, MR CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE. DR KISSINGER'S POWERFUL PERSONALITY, HIS LOFTY CONCEPT OF HISTORY AND HIS COMMITTEE DEDICATION TO NATO'S DEFENCE MISSION HAVE LEFT THEIR IMPRINT ON OUR ORGANIZATION. HIS CONTRIBUTION HAS STOOD OUR ALLIANCE IN GOOD STEAD AND WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

MR ANDERSEN (DENAMRK)

I WANT TO ADD A FEW WORDS TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID BY MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO  
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DR KISSINGER. ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY MOST VALUABLE AND INTERESTING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS ASSEMBLY. WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS SEEN PRECISELY EYE TO EYE, BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY, AND IT HAS INVARIABLY BEEN VERY USEFUL FOR US TO LISTEN TO WHAT DR KISSINGER HAS SAID AND WE WILL MISS HIM.

DR KISSINGER'S DETERMINED AND CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS IN FAVOUR OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND DETENTE WILL HAVE SECURED HIM A PERMANENT PLACE AMONG THE MAJOR FIGURES OF THE HISTORY OF THIS CENTRY - I THINK ALSO THE NEXT ONE, BUT I DARE NOT GO THAT FAR. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE STABILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD, AS WELL AS HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, REFLECT HIS DEEP SENSE OF THE COMMON DESTINY OF MANKIND.

YOU WILL REMEMBER, MR CHAIRMAN, ORWELL'S STORY OF COMRADE NAPOLEON, WHERE THERE IS A PHRASE - I WILL QUOTE IT NOT QUITE CORRECTLY - THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE ALIKE, BUT SOME ARE MORE ALIKE THAN OTHERS - I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL NOT MIND IF I EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT DR KISSINGER IN THIS ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN MORE ALIKE THAN SOME OTHERS.

MR FRYDENLUND (NORWAY)

MR CHAIRMAN, AS USUAL WE LISTENED THIS MORNING WITH GREAT INTEREST TO WHAT HENRY KISSINGER HAD TO SAY. THE BRILLIANT ANALYSES HE HAS GIVEN US EVERY SIX MONTHS AT THESE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN A GREAT INSPIRATION TO US, AND SERVED AS GUIDELINES IN OUR WORK - FOR THIS WE ARE VERY THANKFUL. MAY I ADD THAT AS A FORMER STUDENT OF HIS, I THINK I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THE PERFORMANCE OF MY FORMER PROFESSOR.

MR JAMIESON (CANADA)

I THINK THAT OF ALL OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ENJOY A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP AND IT'S IN THAT SENSE THAT I WANT TO JOIN ALL PRESENT HERE IN COMPLIMENTING DR KISSINGER, NOT ONLY FOR ALL

OF THE MONUMENTAL ACHEIVEMENTS OF HIS PERIOD IN OFFICE BUT  
PARTICULARLY FOR THE FRIENDSHIP AND THE GOODWILL WHICH HE HAS  
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SHOWN TOWARD HIS CLOSEST NEIGHBOUR AND WHICH HAS RESULTED OVER  
THESE LAST 8 YEARS IN A STRENGTHENING OF WHAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A  
TRADITIONALLY CLOSE BOND BETWEEN US. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY  
TO HIM THAT IF HE EVER LOSES HIS SENSES TOTALLY AND CHOOSES TO  
COME BACK INTO PUBLIC LIFE, IF HE WANTS TO SLIP ACROSS THE BORDER  
I HAVE A SAFE SEAT IN WHICH HE CAN RUN AND A GUARANTEED SPOT IN  
THE CABINET.

MR AGUSTSSON (ICELAND)

I ALSO WANT TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN THANKING DR KISSINGER  
FOR HIS EXCELLENT REPORT THIS MORNING, WHICH WAS VERY INFORMATIVE  
FOR ME AT LEAST AND I THINK FOR THE REST OF US AS WELL. AND I  
WILL ALSO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN THINKING HIM FOR HIS COMPANY  
DURING THE YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HERE TOGETHER AND WISH HIM ALL  
THE BEST IN THE FUTURE.

MR DE GUIRINGAUD (FRANCE) (FROM FRENCH)

BEFORE ENDING I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN SEVERAL OF MY  
COLLEAGUES IN SAYING A REGRETFUL FAREWELL TO THE UNITED STATES  
SECRETARY OF STATE. DR KISSINGER'S DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE CONDUCT OF ALLIEDPOLICY HAS BEEN COMMENSURATE WITH HIS  
OWN EXCEPTIONAL PERSONALITY AND I HAVE NO DUBT THAT HIS IDEAS AND  
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL INSPIRE OUR THINKING  
FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION  
PARTICULARLY WELCOMES THE MESSAGE WHICH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT,  
MR CARTER, HAS SENT US THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS  
TOKEN OF INTEREST FROM THE FUTURE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
IN OUR ALLIANCE IS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO US TO PRESS ON WITH OUR  
EFFORTS AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNITY OF PURPOSE.  
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